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SUBJECT: ONE VIEW OF MINORITY ABOUT NEW CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER

REF: BELFAST 47

BELFAST IRISH NEWS (CATHOLIC) WHICH DID NOT RPT NOT COMMENT  
ON SELECTION MRS. THATCHER TO HEAD CONSERVATIVE PARTY (REFTEL)  
HEADLINED MAIN ARTICLE FEB. 14 "THATCHER A THREAT TO THE MINORITY".  
LEADER WRITER TOM SAMWAYS SEES QUOTE GREATEST THREAT FROM BRITAIN  
TO THE CONCEPT OF POWER-SHARING IN NORTHERN IRELAND SINCE ITS  
INCEPTION AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF STORMONT IS THE REMOVAL OF MR.  
EDWARD HEATH FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY. NEW  
BROOMS SWEEP CLEAN AND ANY ASSURANCES FROM THE TORIES TO THE  
MINORITY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS WILL HAVE TO BE RENEGOTIATED.  
UNQUOTE. SAMWAYS REASONS MRS. THATCHER'S AMBITIONS COULD LET HER  
BARTER MINORITY ASPIRATIONS IN NORTH FOR SUPPORT UNITED ULSTER  
UNIONIST COALITION (UUUC) DEPUTIES IN COMMONS. HE SEES DANGER THAT  
HAROLD WILSON MIGHT BE TEMPTED HOLD ELECTION NEW YEAR CONSIDERING  
HE MIGHT HAVE BETTER CHANCE OF RESOUNDINGLY DEFEATING PARTY LED  
BY A WOMAN. ARTICLE NOTES OFFICIAL UNIONISTS QUICK TO SEND  
CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO MRS. THATCHER AND ALLEGES THERE  
BEHIND-THE-SCENES MOVES SINCE THEN TO BARTER THE TEN UUUC VOTES  
FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF THE MAJORITY IN NORTHERN  
IRELAND TO RULE. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BEST HOPE MINORITY PUBLIC  
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REPRESENTATIVES IN NORTH IS THAT MRS. THATCHER WILL BE SUPPLANTED

BEFORE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION BY MR. WHITELAW.SPICER

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